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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
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AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, NI

SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: HAROLD JACKSON AND
ELIZABETH DICKERSON

1. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS INTERESTED.

2. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' OFFICE CALLED AF/W ON AUGUST 2
TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FOR TWO TEENAGE CONSTITUENTS OF
THE CONGRESSMAN WHO ARE TRAVELING WITH A GROUP OF HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS VISITING WEST AFRICA. GROUP WILL ARRIVE
LAGOS AUGUST 17 FROM COTONOU, CHAPERONED BY MS. JESSIE
BUTTS AND MS. HELEN MCCLAIN, AND WILL CHECK WITH EMBASSY
AT THAT TIME. THE TRIP INCLUDES HOMESTAYS ARRANGED IN
ADVANCE, AND TWO OF THE GROUP, HAROLD JACKSON AND
ELIZABETH DICKERSON, PLAN TO STAY IN NIGERIA WITH CHIEF
K.O.K. ONYIOHA, 4 MACAULEY STREET, UMUAHIA, IMO STATE,
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NIGERIA. TO THIS DATE, THESE TWO STUDENTS HAVE NOT
RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM THE CHIEF THAT THEY MAY
VISIT HIM.

3. CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE STATES THAT CABLES TO CHIEF HAVE
ELICITED NO REPLY, NOR HAVE THEY HAD REPLY TO LETTER
AND TELEGRAM SENT TO MS. RUTH BROOKS, EMBASSY LAGOS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: 1) CAN EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO CONTACT
CHIEF ONYIOHA AND ASCERTAIN IF HE IS EXPECTING THE
TWO YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DETROIT? 2) CAN EMBASSY LAGOS
OR INFO ADDRESSEES REPORT ON CONDITION OF MEMBER
OF THE GROUP (NAME UNAVAILABLE) WHO COLLAPSED FROM DIABETES
ON ARRIVAL IN ACCRA?

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